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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Judson Baptist Association,

Held with the Church at Abbeville, Henry Co., Ala.

OCTOBER, 1ST TO 3D, 1880.

OFFICERS.

J. W. FOSTER, Abbeville, Moderator.
DAVID ROGERS, Baker Hill, Clerk.
GEO. T. MAVIS, Columbus, Treasurer.

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ABBEVILLE, OCT., 1st 1880.

The Judson Association met this day in the Baptist House of worship, and at 11 o'clock the introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. R. Sims upon 2 Tim. 2:3. "*Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*" Prayer by W. M. Howell, of Georgia. Benediction by D. Rogers.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Association was called to order by Elder L. R. Sims, former moderator. The hymn, "There is a Fountain filled with blood." was sung, and Elder J. S Paullin led in prayer:

Letters from the churches were read by brethren Jno. T. Davis and B. G. Farmer, and the following delegates names were enrolled

Abbeville—A. L. Martin, M. B. Green, J. W. Foster, T. A. T aywick.

Adaniram—R. H. Hall, J. F. Boon, J. S. Barnett.

Bethel—D. Rogers, J. W. White, J. K. Price.

Beulah—J. W. Harris, D. E. Burdeshaw.

Bethlehem—J. A. Campbell, J. L. Granberry, A. S. Holland.

Bluff Springs—John Walters.

Columbia,—John T. Davis, R. H. Walker.

Concord—F. M. Kirkland.

Christian Grove—Not represented.

Ebenezar—J. F. Singleterry, W. S. Weaks.

Fellowship—D Whidden, A Harp.

Gordon—Samuel Bowdon, J. F. Bowdon.

Hebron.—J. S. Granberry, C. U. Granberry.

Harmony—James Brown.

Judson—W. C. Gissendaner, W. H. Williams.

Liberty—Irwin Parish, James Sexton.

Mt. Pleasant, (B)—J. W. Malone, S. J. Belcher.

Mt. Pleasant, (D)—Aris Armstrong, Thos. Atwell.

Mt. Ariel—Not represented.

New Hope—B. Herendon, W. Y. Fleming.

Oaky Grove— W W Kirkling, J. Roney.

Pilgrim's Rest—T. S. Stapleton, D Williams.

Pleasant Hill—Not represented.

Pleasant Plains—R. C. Kirkland, W. H. Granberry, S. Kirkland.

Pleasnt Grove—J. H. Spivey, M. V. Capps, E. Roach, S. M. Singleterry, B. H. Johnson.

Shorterville—L. R. Sims, H. G. Peterman, A. McAllister, W. F. Mills, B. G. Farmer.

Smyrna—T. J. Dawsey, A, Daugherty.

Sardis—J. H. Davis, G. A. Lewis.

Tolbert—Jackson Hodges.

Walnut Grove—A. W. Whidden, J. T. Norris, T. T. Smith.

Camp Springs—Not represented.

Bro. Sims desired to retire from the Moderator's chair. He spoke of his long and pleasant connection with the body while filling the office of Moderator, and earnestly requested the brethren not to vote for him.

J. W. Foster, was elected Moderator, and D. Rogers, Clerk. Brethren Paullin and Howel acting as tellers.

Bro. Foster on taking the chair, regretted the change, feared the body had made a great mistake. At his request, Brother Sims led in prayer, invoking aid and direction of God's Spirit in behalf of the Moderator and brethren.

The Moderator announced the body organized and ready for business.

1, Called for petitionary letters.

2. Called for correspondence, and received:—

From the Eufaula Association.—Elder A. H. Borders, W. B. Paulin, B. B. Davis, F. B. Moodie. Bro. Moodie was introduced to the body by Bro. Paullin, and recognized as President of Union Female College, of Eufaula. Elder Jas. Stratton Paullin, was recognized in behalf of the State Board of Missions.

From the Newton Association.—Elders R. Deal, N. C. Underwood, and Bro. W. G. Matthews.

From the West Florida Association.—Elder T. E. Langly.

From the Bethel Association, Ga.—Elder W. M. Howell,

3. Appointed the following Committees:—

On Preaching,—J. H. Spivey, A, McAllister and the Deles gates of Abbeville Church.

On Finance.—B. G. Farmer, M. V. Capps, T. A. Traywick.

On Documents.—J. W. Malone, S. Bowdon, W. H. Williams

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—John T. Davis, J. H. Spivey, T. T. Smith.

On Nominations.—A. L. Martin, S, Bowdon, W, H. Williams

4. Returned Correspondence:—

To the Eufaula Association.—D. Rogers, J. K. Price.

To the Newton Association.—L. R. Sims, A. L. Martin.

To the West Florida Association.—L. R. Sims, John T. Davis, D. Williams, F. M. Bunker, J. L. Wilson, T. S. Stapleton and Samuel Bowdon.

To the Bethel Association, Ga.—L. R. Sims, A. McAlister, F. M. Bunker.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Benediction by J. S. Paullin.

Abbeville, Oct. 2d, 9 o'clock A. M.

J. W. Foster in the chair. Song, "Jesus lover of my soul." Prayer by Bro. Langly.

1. Moved by Bro. Sims, that the committee on Nominations be instructed to nominate ten brethren as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, which meets with the First Baptist Church at Troy, July 13th, 1881. Bro. Sims was added to the above committee.

2. Moved by Bro. Sims, that a special committee be appointed to report on the debt due for Gordon Church House.

3. Appointed as special committee, L. R. Sims, A. L. Martin, T. F. Espy, and R. H. Walker.

4. Adopted the following:—

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

We, your committee, beg to report that it has been the will of Providence that none of our Ministers have been taken from us. We regret the loss of one Deacon, Bro. John Vinson, member of Bethel Church. The Lord gave him to us and He has taken him away, blessed be his name.

Jno. T. Davis,
J. H. Spivey,
T. T. Smith.

5. Adopted REPORT ON DOCUMENTS, as follows :—

Your committee find in the letters four petitions for the Association to meet with them at its next session, vix:—Bethel, Sardis, Pleasant Plains and Adaniram.

Bespectfully submitted, J. W. MALONE, Chairm'n.

Appointed the next session of the Association to meet with Adaniram Church, 8 miles below Shorterville, on the road from Franklin to Newton, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1881.

John T. Davis gave the report of Executive Committee which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have but little work to report for the past Associational year. Bro. D. Rogers reports 6 sermons preached at destitute places in the upper portion of the Association. Bro. *W.* M. Howell, has been traveling in our Association as Evangelist under contract with the State *M*ission Board, and we ask that his report be adopted as appendix to ours.

JNO. T. DAVIS, Chairman Ex. Com.

Bro. W. M. Howell, Evangelist, read his report which was adopted as part of the Executive Committee's Report.

REPORT OF THE MISSION WORK BY THE EVANGELIST OF THE JUDSON ASSOCIATION

Dear Brethren:—Although I have been employed by the State Board of Missions and am required to report to that Board quarterly, I feel that it is proper to give you an account of my labors and the field that has been assigned me.

I have visited every church within the bounds of this Association, thirty one in number, and some of them several times. I have made two hundred and ninety visits; preached one hundred and sixty five sermons, besides other talks or short discourses on topics of interest; assisted in four protracted meetings; baptised five persons; travelled sixteen hundred and eighty-five miles, and spent one hundred and fifty days in the work. This is a brief summary of the service rendered, but enough to give an outline of what has already been done. Truly there is need of such work, as I have been trying to do. There are eight churches that have preaching very irregular, and

three that are entirely without preaching. I think it would be good thing to make a slight change so as to let every church have regular services either by a local pastor, or by the evangelist. This is a new work to the most of the churches, but when its objects and aims are well understood, the churches have heartily cooperated and the work has been satisfactory as far as I know.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. HOWELL.

9. Adopted the following.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

From reading the historical parts of the Bible and the command to keep holy the Sabbath, and the strict requirement to *teach* God's word to the young as well as the old; we cannot doubt that the people of God met together on the Sabbath in remote ages of antiquity, to read to study, and to explain the word of God. These meetings were in the proper sense Sabbath Schools.

In Modern times these meetings haue become more uniform. At the beginning of the preseut century there was but little interest taken in this great work, that there is being manifested at the present day.

In this short report we cannot do more perhaps to encourage this work than to give the statistic, showing the success and happy results of the Sabbath School cause of the present time.

In our own loved State we have 716 Sabbath Schools, 3,500 teachers, 30,000 scholars. These Schools donate over $6,500 for benevolent objects.

In the United States and Territories, there are 12,407 Sabbath Schools, 922,602 scholars, and among these 20,320 have been baptized in one year, and during the same time $3,815,947 have been given by those schools for benevolent objects.

When we look at the numbers of Baptisms, and hear the Savior say, "Blessed are they that seek me early, for they shall find me." We ask: "Can *christians* withhold their presence from the Sabbath Schools?"

We are pleased to report that in connection with this body we have an established Sabbath School Convention which holds its annual sessions on Friday night, at the time and place of

our Associational meetings. The semi-annual session will meet with the Columbia church on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in May next.

From the reports read last night in the Convention, and the many interesting addresses delivered by the brethren, we are of opinion that the cause is growing and taking deeper root in the hearts of the members of this Association.

We are further pleased to see that the proper object of Sabbath Schools is being better understood; that object being the *teaching and study* of the Bible. Bro. Jno. T. Davis, of Columbia, is President of this Convention. Bro. B. G. Farmer, of Shorterville, is Secretary.

Submitted,

D. ROGERS, Ch'rm.

10. The circular letter was read by Bro. Jno. T. Davis, and pending its adoption, Bro. Langley addressed the body. Said he would do violence to his feelings if he did not speak of its merits. He regarded it as the best document he had ever heard read on the subject in an Association. He hoped the brethren would *read it with care.* He wanted a copy for himself.

11. Moved and adopted, that Bro. Davis be requested to furnish the Alabama Baptist, The Christian Index, of Georgia, and the Columbia Enterprise, of Columbia, with a copy of the Circular Letter for publication, also a copy to Bro. Langley.

"The duty of Christian men and women as it related to the Master's cause and the salvation of sinners.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

While canvassing in my mind as to what would be a fit subject for a basis of this Annual Circular Letter, I have prayerfully concluded that no other would be more opportune than the one I adopt. As this letter is more especially directed to the lay members and sisters, I trust they will give me their undivided attention. It is too often the case, and in fact I fear there are but few exceptions to the rule, that members of the church leave the great work of advancing the interests of the Lord's kingdom to the ministers of the gospel. They seem to say by their daily lives, walk and conversation, that the cause of Christ is sufficiently honored by their simply becoming quiet and passive members of His Kingdom. The fact that they have

been admitted as members of an organized and properly constituted church seems to satisfy them. They have never appeared to realize the stubborn fact and potent truth, that any work or labor in connection with God's plan for the salvation of sinners and conversion of the world in any manner devolves on them. They seem to lose sight of the grave responsibilities, important duties, and binding obligations which rest upon them as servants of the living God. Is it not highly important that church members of this class should carefully and speedily examine the dangerous ground they may possibly be occupying? Is it not reasonable to conclude, that a true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, one who has been taken from the bonds of sin and iniquity, and brought into the marvelous light of God's law of liberety, one who hss been sayed by the all sufficient blood of Christ, without any worth or merit on their part, but alone through the mercy and goodness of God, should show forth their praise and gratitude by engaging at once as faithful and untiring laborers in His vineyard. The Bible furnishes a number of tests whereby we may realize the blessed assurance, whether or not we are in deed and in truth children and servants of the living God, heirs of heaven, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. In the cases of some those tests or bible illustrations it is possible for the professor of religion to be mistaken as to his or her acceptance with God, but this one of diligently engaging and continuing in the work of the Lord cannot mislead us.

To know of a truth that our Redeemer liveth and our titles to heavenly mansions are clear and indisputable, is the highest type of consolation, and the sweetest solace that it is possible for a human being to enjoy this side of the grave. The happy thought of being able to indulge in such a blessed assurance as that just mentioned, is sufficient beyond any shadow of doubt to inspire the christian to every good word and work. And while I am aware, that the assertion I am now about to make is just cause for alarm and fearful forebodings on the part of inactive and lifeless members, yet the scriptures will bear us out in assuming it to be true, that the christian or professor of religion who is not prompted in good works, and makes an exhibition of his faith by those works, will one day be numbered

with that class of professeors of whom the Lord speaks, "Not every one that says Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Are we not the Lords? Are we not bought with a price? We are indeed, his servants, purchased by his blood, and now let each one here this evening bring forth the fruits of his labors, and make of them an offering in each individual case to the Lord. And now let the approving smiles of our Father rest upon each one of us in proportion to the offerings of good works which we make. If such a scene was really being enacted, I fear that many present would hide their faces in shame and humiliation at their small and worthless offerings. Christians, meditate over these things seriously. Do I hear some say they are both ready and willing to labor for the Lord if they only knew how, and what to do. Let me point such ones to the fact, that the field is already white unto the harvest. The laborers are few; enemies of Christ's church are attacking it from day to day, and vigilant sentinels are wanted to guard their approaches. Ministers of God, are so frequently burdened with the cares of loved ones, and so despondent on account of the cold charity of their members that they need true and faithful followers of God to hold up their hands and sustain them as the children of Israel did their God-fearing leader. God has wisely distributed the poor throughout the world; you have them at your doors. They need your kind charities and tender care. The widow is lonely and stricken with grief, the orphan sad and heart broken. These need your tender ministrations. The mourner is weeping and lamenting over sins, and deserves your language of sympathy and encouragement. Vile and wicked men are from day to day defaming the cause of Christ, and your faith and christian zeal is needed to ward off the onslaught upon the Master's cause. There are those abroad in the land who are badly proclaiming scriptural doctrines that are false. Your knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus is wanted to put a quietus on such erroneous teachings, your pastors are sacrificihg their time and talents in the interests of a common cause. Your pecuniary aid and assistance is necessary to the temporal support of their families and themselves. The young and rising generation are soon to take your places in church and

state; your examples, your counsels, your instructions and teaching is wanted to train them up in the way they should go. Heathens in foreign fields are dying without the gospel; your means are needed to send to them the glad tidings of Salvation; The world must be put in a state of preparation for the second coming of the Lord. Your Christian virtues, your unwavering faith, the full assurance of your salvation should all be brought into requisition to this glorious end. The Lord's command still rings in your ears, "Go work in my vineyard." O my Christian friends, buckle on the whole armor of God, and let your watchword be work! work!! work!!! The Lord wants no idlers in His camp. Don't say there is nothing for me to do. Be an active, soul-inspiring disciple of the Master. Seek to find something to do for the Lord or His people, and "Whatsoever thy hands find to do, do it with all thy might." Let us no longer rely upon the Ministers of God, or our Pastors, to protect, defend and guard the cause of our Redeemer, but let each and all of us feel that the cause of our Master is our cause.

12. Adopted the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN T. DAVIS, Treasurer,

In account with JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

1879.	DR.		
Oct. 4.	To amount on hand brought down, viz:—		
	For Foreign Missions, - - - -	5 25	
	" Aged and Infirm Ministers, - -	20 30	
	" Indian Missions, - - - - -	1 00	
	" Associational purposes, - - -	64 10	$ 90 65
	To cash received for Minutes, - - -	43 85	
	" " " " Associational purposes	42 05	
	" " " " Foreign Missions, -	7 00	
	" " " " Aged and Infirm Min'rs	15 35	
	" " " " Home Missions, - -	1 00	
	" " " " Indian Missions, -	1 00	
	" " " " Sabbath Collection, -	20 50	
	" " " on pledges in advance. -	2 50	
	" " returned to Treasury by E. R. Sims,	125 00	258 25
			$348 90

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Oct. 4.	By cash paid D. Rogers, clerk, - -	25 00	
	" " " expenses on Minutes, -	2 00	
	" " Ref'd B. A. Forester on pledge of '78	3 00	
	" " " J. F. Holman on " " "	1 00	
	" " Paid Postage on Letters, - -	20	
	" " " for Minutes, - - - -	35 00	
	" " Remitted for Foreign Missions. -	12 25	
	" " " " Indian Missions, - -	2 00	
	" " sent Baptist State Convention, -	50 00	
	" " paid expenses of 2 Delegates, - -	25 00	154 45
	Balance carried down, - - -		$194 45

13. Moved and carried, that the report on Missions be called for at 2 o'clock p. m. and a Missionary mass meeting be held to-night.

14. Report of special commmittee read by Bro. Sims and adopted as below.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

We the Special Committee on Gordon Church, have examined into the claims of Wm. Wood, the party who suffered in consequence of services rendered the cause, in the building of said church, and find that his loss is exceeding $300, and trouble of cost in court. We further find that $100 would amply satisfy him. And suggest to this Association that, that amount be raised for him, first, by subscription, and the remainder (should there be any), from funds of the Association, enumerated for Associational purposes.

We further suggest the names of Bros. R. H. Walker and S. Bowdon as a party to wait upon Mr. Wood with this amount, and adjust his claim.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. R. Sims, Ch'rm'n.

15. A collection was taken for the above purpose, and the $100 called for raised.

The benevolence of our visiting brethren, in this collection is worthy of record, and the same may be said of some of our own body, especially Bro. W. C. Gissandinar, who proposed to pay one half of a large remainder, Bro. F. B. Moodie, of Eufaula, "footed the bill."

Adjourned, benediction by Bro. Borders.

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2 O'clock p. m.

Singing and prayer by Bro. D. Whidden.

1. Read and adopted minutes.
2. Bro, Martin read the following:

REPORT OF MISSIONS

We submit the following for your consideration:

That in as much as we have formed a connection with the great Baptist family of this state, to work with them, that we

faithfully co-operate with that body, to develop the powers of our denomination, and its influence by vigorous and persevering efforts on our part, until there shall be no place where Baptists and Baptist principles shall not be known. To do this let us encourage the work of the Evangelist, by an earnest co-operation; and give to it our prayers and liberal support.

At our last convention a plan of operation was adopted, and recommended. Now let us fall into line, and let *every* Baptist be a *paying* and *working* Baptist, bring all our powers to bear, make our lives in *word*, *in acts*, *in influence* and our *means*, a mighty power to send the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Then brethren, there is a local interest we must not lose sight of. To see that our churches are properly taught in the fundamental principles of the gospel. For there are many heresies in our day, by which many are being deceived, and some of our good brethren have been ensnared by them; such errors as alien immersion, open communion, and free-will isms, union sabbath schools, and union conventions. These are the arteries of anti-Christ by which they propose to rob us of our strength, as Delilah did Sampson. Our churches need faithful teaching on these subjects. There need be no difference among us, for we have but one lawgiver in Zion. We take the Bible as the man of our counsel. There is no changing in our lawgiver. There is no changing or revising our laws; what they were in the beginning of the churches, they are to-day. Now brethren, here is the foundation upon which we stand, laid down in God's eternal truth; out of which our duties and responsibilities grow. I ask to-day, let us look at its beginnings from our standpoint. Is it not wonderful to see the sect spoken against, everywhere going forth bearing hardness as good soldiers of Christ, with the word as their weapon, conqueroring, driving back their enemies, planting truth as they go, suffering privations, and in tears, and sorrows, sowing the seed broadcast, preaching the truth in the midst of their enemies, some at the prison windows, some at the stake while receiving the lash; their enemies promising a reward to them if they would renounce the truth. But they counted not their own lives dear, but sealed their testimony with their own precious blood. Should not this inspire us to-day, when we look and contem-

plate this mighty work; we stand to-day in a world almost girdled by the eternal truth of God. He in the fullness of time has harnessed many of the powers of the earth, and is turning them to his own glory; such as the printing press, the steam power, both upon land and the high seas; bearing aloft the everlasting truth of God to the nations of the earth. The sciences, once used as a basis for false doctrines, have been grasped by God himself, and have been made a power in the defense of the truth. Geology and mineralogy, once falsely used against the Bible are now known to corroborate its truths. Truth—eternal truth is destined to set up its eternal empire, and will in the fullness of the time, supersede the sword as the great arbiter of all nations. A. L. MARTIN.

3. On motion of Bro. Sims, the adoption of the above report was postponed until night session.

4. The report on finance was read by Bro. B. G. Farmer and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your committee on finance beg to make thefollowing report:

For minutes	$ 39.35
For Associational purposes	10 25
For infirm ministers	1.00
" Indian Missions	1 00
" Pledges redeemed	104.55
" Bro. Alex Jordan	25.95
Columbia for State Mission	70.00
Sardis " " "	15.00
Walnut Grove " "	18.30
Beulah for " "	5.00
Smyrna for " "	5.00
Pleasant Grove " "	30.00
Judson for " "	12.50
Bethel for " "	20.00
Shorterville " "	44.25
Abbeville " "	27 50
	$429.65

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Paid Bro. Howell by M. B. Green				$ 5.00	
"	"	"	" Bethel.....	6.50	
"	"	"	" Mrs. Walker....	50	
"	"	Bailey	" Bethel.....	1.00	
"	"	Alex Jordan by Pilgrim Rest..		6.70	$ 19.70

Balance $409.95

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. G. Farmer,
M. V. Capps,
T. A. Trawick.

Sabbath's collection..... .....$ 26.10

$436.05

5. On motion the fund for Bro. Alex Jordan, was put in the hands of Bro. S. Bowdon.

6. Adopted the following.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Introductory sermon—Dr. Rogers.

Alternate —Bro. B. Herndon.

To write the Circular Letter—Bro. J. W. Foster.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—A. L. Martin, D. Rogers, Jno. T. Davis, D. Whidden, M. V. Capps, B. G. Farmer, J. W. Foster, M. B. Green, A. McAllister, B. Manly.

L. R. Sims, Chr'm.

7. The committee on nominations was added to the above delegation,

8. Resolved to send fifty dollars by the delegates to the State Convention. Adjourned,

Benediction by Bro. R. Deal.

Oct, 2nd., 7 O'clock, p. m.

Services opened by singing "What a friend we have in Jerus." Prayer by Bro. Howell.

Bro. B. B. Davis, Secretary of the Baptist State Convention made some preliminary remarks, and read the address of the

committee of the State Mission Board. Bro. Howell, our Evangelist then made a very interesting address, giving an account of the important work in which he had been engaged: spoke of the interesting region of country covered by this association, and the encouraging and hopeful future that is before us. Song, "Almost persuaded,"

Interesting address by Bro. Sims, followed by Bro. J. S. Paullin, who faithfully urged the cause of missions. "Do something for Jesus," sung, and the following

PLEDGES TAKEN

T. J. Dorsey paid	$ 1.00	M. E. Knight	1.00
J. W. Harrison paid	25	Mollie Kenedy	2.00
S. Bowdon	5.00	M. B. Green	2.00
J. W. Kendrick	5.00	Mrs. J. W. Foster	5.00
A. L. Walker	10.00	Mrs. Skipper	1.00
W. C. Gissendaner	10.00	Mrs. Lang	1.00
W. H. Williams	5.00	F. B. Espy	1.00
J. H. Davis	5.00	Dora Espy	1.00
D. Armstrong	1.50	Sallie Skipper	1.00
R. W. Irwin	5.00	A. B. Fowler	2.50
T. T. Smith	5.00	Abbeville	20.00
A. Armstrong	2.00	Columbia	20.00
J. W. Holland	1.00	Adaniram	5.00
J. D. Johnson	1.00	Bethel	15.00
H. G. Peterman	1.00	Concord	4.00
J. B. Ward	2.00	Ebenezer	2.00
R. W. Irwin	1.00	Hebron	5.00
Mrs. W. C. Oates	1.00	Mt. Pleasant (B)	5.00
Miss C. Robinson	1.00	Pleasant Plains	5.00
Miss Hda Fowler	1.00	Pleasant Grove	25 00
John Watker	1.00	Shorterville	25.00
D. Rogers	1.00	Walnut Grove	10.00
Mrs. A. H. Rogers	1.00	Mary Skipper	1·00

$226.25

Adopted the report on Missions.

Singing and benediction by Bro. Sims.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Sabbath morning.

ABBEVILLE, Oct., 3rd, 9 o'clock A. M.

After singing and prayer *Miscellaneous* business was taken up.

1. On motion Bro. D. Rogers was paid ten dollars for mission work.

2. Moved and concurred in, that five dollars sent up for mission work done by Bro. Wm. Bruner, be paid over to him.

3. The following QUERIES were disposed of as below:

1st. Query. "Is it in accordance with the rules and usages of the Missionary Baptist Churches to receive members from a sister church without authenticated letters?—ANSWER.—That it is not in accordance with the rules and usages of the Missionary Baptist Churches to receive members from a sister church without letters or their equivelent.

2nd Query.—Does not a minister violate the laws and usages of the church when he advises members to abandon their church and receive them without letters?"

Bro. Jno. T. Davis regarded this query as being too plain in its nature to be answered. And on motion it was laid on the table.

4. Adopted the following.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st.—That the clerk have 1,000 copies of the minutes published, and that he be paid $30 for his services.

2nd.—That all our ministers be requested to preach at least one sermon on MISSIONS to all their churches during the Associational year, and take collection for the same.

3rd. Resolved.—That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Abbeville church, for the very hospitable manner we have been entertained duging this session, also to our Metdodist friends for the use os their house of worship.

5. On motion of Bro B. G. Farmer, the brethren returned their thanks to the Moderator for the able and efficient manner he has presided over the body.

6. Moved and adopted that the churches be requested to send as much for associational purposes as for minutes.

After a few appropriate remarks by the Moderator, adjourned till 11 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock Bro. J. Stratton Paullin preached at the Methodist church, and at the same hour Bro. T. E. Langley

preached at the Baptist church, and at the close of the services the body adjourned to meet with the church at Adaniram on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1881.

J. W. Foster, Moderator.

David Rogers, Clerk.

Note.—The commsttee on preaching made no report of the divine service. We however learn that the preaching was *all good.* Brethren, Sims, Howell, Borders, Underwood, Deal, Paullin and Langley preached during the session, and we cannot doubt that much good was accomplished. May the word be blessed.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. R. Sims, *Shorterville*	D. Rogers, *Baker's Hill.*
A. L. Martin, *Abbeville.*	J. Tyrar, *Kings.*
J. C. Skipper, *Dothen.*	M. Brackin,.....
D. Whidden, *Abbeville.*	J. W. Malone, *Hilliardsville.*
B. Hernlon, *Shorterville.*	R. C. Kirkland, *Columbia.*
S. J. Knowes, *Abbeville.*	Wm. Bruner, *Columbia.*

LICENTIATES.

D. E. Burdeshaw, ...	S. T. Spivey, *Columbia.*
Wm. Weitaker, *Gordon.*	A. Dawghty, *Columbia.*
J. A. Campbell,..... ...	Fraklin Jordon, *Gordon.*

Robert Lee, *Kiugs*

COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON EDUCATION OF YOUNG MINISTERS.

A. L. Martin, D. Rogers, J. T. Davis, T. S. Stapleton, B. A. Forrester.

Any of our young ministers desiring aducation, are invited to correspond with any of the above committee.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

A. J. Farmer, J. W. Malone and M. B. Ward

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

L. R. Sims, W. C. Gissendaner and M. B. Green.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jno. T. Davis, Columbia; T. T. Smith, Smithville; A. B. Fowler, Abbeville; A. J. Armstrong, Columbia; B. A. Forrester, Columbia.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	For Minutes	For Associational Purposes	State Missions	Indian Missions	Foreign Missions	Aged Min. Fund	Brother Alex. Jordan	Sab. of Meeting
Abbeville		3		3	1		51	1 50		27 50				3 10	1
Adaniram	11		1	3	2		73	1 50							2
Beulah	9	8	1	4			87	1 50	2 05	5 00				1 95	3
Bluff Springs		4					41	1 00							
Bethel	17			1		2	80	1 00	1 00	20 00	1		1		1
Bethlehem	1	2		1	1	1	142	3 00		5 00					1
Columbia	3	3		3	1		84	2 00		70 00				2 00	
Christian Grove	3			1			40								1
Concord				2	5		91	1 50							2
Camp Springs							35								
Ebenezer	1	2	2	8	11		33	1 00		1 00					3
Fellowship	10	4				2	64	1 00		5 00					
Gordon															
Hebron							33	1 25		2 50					3
Harmony	6	6			3	1	55	1 00							1
Judson		2		3			59	1 50		12 50					4
Liberty	3	1	2	1	9		82	1 00	1 00						4
Mt. Pleasant (B)	3	2	6	11			63	1 50		5 00					4
Mt. Pleasant (D)		11		4			47	1 50	70					25	4
Mt. Ariel							17								
New Hope	4				3	1	59	1 50	2 00						4
Oaky Grove				11	2		42	1 00					1		1
Pleasant Grove	14	3	4	4	10		125	2 00		30 00					3
Pleasant Plains	7	1	1		6		89	1 50	2 00					1 60	
Pilgrims Rest	1			1	4		44	1 50	5 00					6 70	3
Pleasant Hill															
Shorterville	6	4		3		1	113	2 50		44 25					3
Sardis							50	1 50		15 00					4
Smyrna	7	2	2	8			92	1 15		5 00				5 00	4
Tolbert				2			77	1 50							
Walnut Grove	2			2	2		40	1 50		18 30					3
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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES	PASTORS P. O.	CLERKS P. O.
Abbeville	L R Sims, Shorterville	J W Foster, Abbeville
Adaniram	B. Herndon, "	J S Barnett, Hardwickville
Beulah	R. Deal, Echo	G W Harris, Headland
Bluff Spring	Wm. Bruner, Columbia	E E Meadows, Gordon
Bethel	D. Rogers, Baker's Hill	L Wise, Baker's Hill
Bethlehem	J, C, Skipper, Dothan	A L Hollen, Headland
Columbia	L. R, Sims, Shorterville	J L Williams, Columbia
Christian Grove	J. Tylar, Kings	Berry James, Kings
Concord	J, C. Skipper, Dothan	W J Kirkland, Headland
Camp Spring	Not represented	J A Coe, Columbia
Ebenezer	Wm. Bruner, Columbia	W C King, Columbia
Fellowship	R. Deal, Echo	H Wiggins, Abbeville
Gordon	T. E, Langley, Gr'nw'd Fla	W B Howard, Gordon
Hebron	J. C Skipper Dothan	C U Granberry, Columbia
Harmony	Wm Bruner Columbia	J R Granger, Cottonwood
Judson	A L Martin, Abbeville	W H Williams, Ft G'es Ga
Liberty	Wm Bruner, Columbia	G W Chandler, Gordon
Mt Pleasant(B)	A L Martin, Abbeville	Thos Espy, Kings
Mt Pleasant(D)	S Williford, Dothan	D J Killingsworth, Newton
New Hope	J W Malone, Hilliardsville	A Starling, Shorterville
Oaky Grove	D Whidden, Abbeville	E D Whidden, Abbeville
Pleasant Grove	A L Martin, Abbeville	W A McClendon Abbeville
Pleasant Plains	Wm Bruner, Columbia	A F Stanton, Columbia
Pilgrim's Rest	T E Langley Greenwood	T S Stapleton, Gordon
Shortervill	L R Sims, Shorterville	B G Farmer, Shorterville
Sardis	W M Howell, Cuthbert, Ga	G A Lewis, Abbeville
Smyrna	R Deal, Echo	W F Jordan, Cowarts
Tolbert	M Brackin Headland	H L Odam, Headland
Walnut Grove	L R Sims, Shorterville,	Jno T Norris, Smithville

ARTICLES OF FAITH
OF THE
JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

ART. I. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that He has made himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in divine perfection.

ART. II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. V. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART. VI. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousnes of Christ.

ART, VII. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. VIII. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. IX. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgement.

ART. XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. XII. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.